

BILL NO. 03-58
As Amended

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 03-58 (As Amended)

Introduced by Council President Wagner at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 03-25 Date October 7, 2003

AN EMERGENCY ACT to add new Section 179-7, Deposit of Yard Trim, to Chapter 179, Nuisances, Public Health, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for a penalty for illegal disposal of yard trim and other items; and generally relating to public nuisances.

By the Council, October 7, 2003

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: November 4, 2003

at: 7:30 p.m.

By Order: Barbara J. Ruch , Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on November 4, 2003 , and concluded on, November 4, 2003 .

 Barbara J. Ruch , Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 WHEREAS, Harford County operates a compost facility at the Harford Waste Disposal Center
2 that accepts residential yard waste; and

3 WHEREAS, the County has closed satellite yard waste facilities and has consolidated these
4 facilities in one location for the efficient processing of county waste and for the benefit and
5 convenience of its citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, the County desires to limit the contamination of the yard waste and discourage
7 commercial dumping at the county yard trim facilities.

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that new Section
10 179-7, Deposit of Yard Trim, be, and it is hereby, added to Chapter 179, Nuisances, Public Health, of
11 the Harford County Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

12 **Chapter 179. Nuisances, Public Health**

13 **§ 179-7. DEPOSIT OF YARD TRIM.**

14 A. NO PERSON SHALL DEPOSIT YARD TRIM, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF
15 ORGANIC VEGETATIVE MATERIAL AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO,
16 GRASS CLIPPINGS, BRUSH, WEEDS, TREE LIMBS OR BRANCHES LESS THAN 6 INCHES IN
17 DIAMETER, ANYWHERE IN HARFORD COUNTY OTHER THAN AT THE TOLLGATE ROAD
18 YARD TRIM FACILITY, THE COMPOST FACILITY AT THE HARFORD WASTE DISPOSAL
19 CENTER OR ANY OTHER COUNTY OWNED, OPERATED OR APPROVED FACILITY OTHER
20 THAN DURING POSTED HOURS OF OPERATION.

21 B. NO PERSON SHALL DEPOSIT ANY ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL AT ANY COUNTY
22 YARD TRIM OR COMPOST FACILITY OTHER THAN RESIDENTIAL YARD TRIM.
23 UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, RESIDENTIAL REFUSE
24 AND GARBAGE, WHITE GOODS, FURNITURE, TIRES, MATTRESSES, TOILETS, STONE,

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1 ROCKS, DEAD ANIMALS, CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS, LUMBER,
2 STUMPS OR ANY SECTION OF A TREE GREATER THAN 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER. IN
3 ADDITION, YARD TRIM GENERATED FROM COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES WILL ONLY BE
4 ACCEPTED AT THE COMPOST FACILITY AT THE HARFORD WASTE DISPOSAL CENTER.

5 C. NOTHING CONTAINED IN SECTION 179-7 SHALL PROHIBIT A PROPERTY
6 OWNER FROM DISPOSING OF YARD TRIM ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY.

7 D. ANYONE FOUND VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY
8 OF CREATING A PUBLIC NUISANCE DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH OF COUNTY
9 CITIZENS. A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A MISDEMEANOR AND,
10 UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT BY A FINE OF UP
11 TO \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS OR BOTH IN THE
12 DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

13 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency act
14 necessary to assist with the vegetation debris removal and processing resulting as an aftermath of
15 Tropical Storm Isabel, and this Act shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: November 20, 2003

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that
fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for
distribution to the public and the press.*



Council Administrator

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Brief Title Deposit of Yard Trim

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

Barbara J. Ruth
Council Administrator

Date November 18, 2003

ENROLLED

Robert S. Hagan
Council President

Date November 18, 2003

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 03-29

Failed of Passage: _____

By Order

Barbara J. Ruth
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 20th day of November, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. Ruth
Council Administrator



BY THE EXECUTIVE

James M. Harkin
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
APPROVED: Date 11-20-03

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill No. 03-58 As Amended, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on November 20, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2003

Barbara J. Ruth
Barbara J. Ruth, Council Administrator
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